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ASSOCIATED PRODUCTION METHOD**

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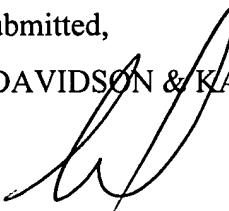
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It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	A11	DE 101 49 221 C1	Aug. 8, 2002	DE - Germany			See specification, See US 6,878,220		
	A12	DE 102 54 695 B3	Apr. 15, 2004	DE - Germany			English abstract		
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